Dear Hal, 5/31/96

I've had a leaking heart valve that I've known about for close to 20 years. The surgeon who gave me the plastic artery in 1980 was, I think, the inventor of the first of those heart valves. There is one thing that is important with them, to premedicate before going to the dentist. Dental debris can cause an infection there. Penicillin is I think preferred. I'm to take erithromycin. Your cardiologist should instruct you and your dentist should be informed.

Aside from my heart seeming to get weaker, my legs are giving me ever so much more trouble and limit me more.

An 83-year-old woman friend of ours recently had a heart replaced. She feels ever so much better and did not have a hard time of it. I did not with the heart operation.

That wonderful, generous Bill Mills sent me two bound copies of Hosty's Pudding but they are a single paragraph for the entire book. He told me they are having trouble with the new computer but the diskette I sent him was paragraphed, with indentations and page numbers.

Sounds like a good way to begin your book. I suggest again that when you refer to shots you refer to "audible" shots. Silencers may not have been used but with most people reporting three shots that would have meant a problem, if more shots were heard than were fired or the other way around.

Anyone who supports the official mythology cannot be a "researcher."

I was surprised that Paul would be part of that LaFontaine commercialization and exploitation, I do not know Adams but in what I've written I ridicule him as what they called him, the cavalry.

When they interviewed Elrod for their Hard Copy show they got 33 cassettes. That means they had much to chose from. On the show he did not once say or even hint at what they say in the book, meaning that he said. He refused to.

I've a book-length ms. on that and I'm nearing the end of one Honorable Men about the Commission's counsels. Who called themselves that. And my file on what they said and on their press conference after the Stone movie is in the basement and I cannot get it. If you have copies I'll appreciate that. I can add it. I hope to finish the writing before you can get this.

If you want, feel free to use anything of mine. I encourage you to read in PM my Perry and Carrico interviews at the least.

thanks and best,

Hal